



Proclamation

Presented to

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1914 by three African-American students, the Honorable A. Langston Taylor, the Honorable Leonard F. Morse and the Honorable Charles Brown, with the purpose of organizing a Greek-letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship and service; and

WHEREAS, the founders wished to create an organization that viewed itself as a part of the general community and not apart from it, and that each potential member should be judged on his own merits rather than on the merits of his family background or affluence, and that the fraternity should exist as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the "inclusive we" rather than the "exclusive we"; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma has partnered with the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, St. Jude's Hospital, the VITA Tax Program and the National Institute of Health, and has created social programs that improve the quality of life, including the youth mentorship program, Sigma Beta Clubs, Sleep Outs for the Homeless, the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, United Negro College Fund and Several other chapter specific scholarship initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Epsilon Gamma Chapter and Zeta Pi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated is holding its second annual Scholarship and Community Awards Luncheon to recognize and honor local graduating seniors who have excelled and met specific GPA requirements and been found worthy of monetary scholarship towards their higher learning at a collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, it is sincerely believed to be a worthwhile act to designate a day in honor of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and recognize their commitment to providing programs and activities intended to assist youth to excel in contemporary society, focusing on job training and saving investments, education enrichment and mentoring, childhood obesity health and wellness;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 13, 2015 as

"PHI BETA SIGMA DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for continuing to promote brotherhood, scholarship and service, and for living up to their motto of "Culture For Service and Service For Humanity".

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this eighth day of June 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i